

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—At no time it has been made. There is no need for a departure to be made in policy in this instance.

Sri C. K. RAJAI AH SETTY.—Is it not a fact that this President resides in a village nearby Bangalore and that he is claiming T.A. every day for his going and coming?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—He is not claiming. My friend is posted with wrong information.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—May I know whether there are any rules for declaring the property of this chairman before he accepted office and at the close of his office?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—At no time such a condition has been fixed and Government wish to make it abundantly clear that in this case, there is no such need also.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Was this the only person taken into consideration throughout Karnataka?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—That I am not expected to answer. So many things will come up.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—Will the Government consult some of the expert members in the field of co-operation in making such appointments?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—That need not be answered, I believe.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that it was only after all a stop-gap arrangement; what was his predecessor in the office?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA. As the Hon'ble Member knows, he is already the head of a sufficiently big institution, namely, the Central Land Mortgage Bank. It was only a stop-gap arrangement. The work and the scope for this institution is sufficiently heavy. So a separate person has been nominated.

Sri Y. VEERAPPA.—May I know whether this arrangement would be permanent or whether this is also a stop-gap arrangement?

Sri MALI MARIAPPA.—It is for a period of two years.

Undertaking of general and other Insurance Business by the Government Insurance Department.

*Q.—80. **Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA** (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what are the special types of general insurance undertaken by the Government Insurance Department at present;

(b) the reasons for not considering the question of Fire Insurance to be handled by Government;

(c) whether there is any proposal pending before Government in respect of Fire Insurance and if so, since how long;

(d) whether the permission of the Government of India is necessary for taking up additional business such as Fire, Marine, loss in transit of goods, theft, fidelity insurance, etc.;

(e) whether the Mysore Government inherited any items of General Insurance from Bombay, Hyderabad or Madras;

(f) whether they are taking steps to broaden their efforts in the direction of General Insurance business and if so, the details thereof?

A.—**Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN** (Deputy Minister for Finance).—

(a) Motor Insurance.

(b) The question is already under consideration

(c) (i) Yes.

(ii) For some years.

(d) Yes.

(e) Yes. From the Bombay Government. The question of taking it over is under consideration.

(f) The matter is under consideration.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—In answer to question (b) Government are pleased to state that the question is already under consideration. Has the Hon'ble Minister seen the Administration Report of 1957-8 of the Department in which it is said that proposals are pending with Government? Why is there such an inordinate delay even after two years of integration?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—There are several questions to be considered. The Mysore Act does not provide for fire insurance. Now insurance, under the Constitution, is a central subject. There are also other considerations, such as, whether our department has sufficient experience to handle this new business, and etc. All these questions have to be considered before a final decision is taken.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is not the question of expanding the State Insurance Department pending for over eighteen years? Is it the opinion of the Hon'ble Minister that the Department is incapable of managing the business, in view of the fact and according to their own statement that it has done very well?

†**Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.**—The expansion of business to Fire Insurance has two aspects. One relates to what happened before re-organisation and the other relates to what is happening after re-organisation. I am not concerned with the decision taken before re-organisation. After re-organisation

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, I rise to a point of clarification. What does the Hon'ble Minister mean by saying that whatever has happened before re-organisation, he is not bothered with? We are now in the new Mysore State. They have succeeded to a big legacy. So what does the Hon'ble Minister mean by saying that we are not concerned with what happened before re-organisation?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—I am not going to re open the question as to what has happened before re organisation. I am now concentrating in my reply to what has happened after re-organisation. After re-organisation, the matter is again agitating the minds of the Government.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Sir, I want the Hon'ble Speaker to bear with me. Sir, I asked the question—what efforts they have made to branch out in the insurance field, whether they have strengthened the staff, whether they have appointed circle officers. Have not the Government of Mysore got

industrial concerns which are paying fire insurance premiums to the extent of lakhs of rupees. We have got the H.A.L., and we have got so many other industrial concerns. If you open this branch of fire insurance, will it not bring thirty or forty lakhs of premium? Why is Government sleeping over the matter?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Government is not sleeping over the matter. Government is actually considering the matter. All the relevant facts are being examined by the Government. But it will take some time.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—To question (c) whether there is any proposal pending before Government in respect of Fire Insurance and if so, since how long, the answer is 'yes' and 'for some years.' May I know what difficulties the present or the previous Government have been confronted with for taking a decision in the matter of introducing fire insurance?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Prior to integration, there were some constitutional difficulties.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—To my question (e) whether the Mysore Government inherited any item of General Insurance from Bombay, Hyderabad or Madras, the Hon'ble Minister has not given all the answers. What are those items and why are not details furnished?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—So far as general insurance is concerned, the question of taking over a little business from the Bombay Government is under the consideration of the Government. The Bombay Government were insuring their own properties under a scheme of their own. The difference is they were not insuring public properties but their own. But that business is being taken over and the question is pending as to in what manner and how it should be taken.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—My question, Sir, is

Mr. SPEAKER.—The information should be placed on the Table of the House.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I want the items, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That will be placed on the Table of the House.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—It is not a big list, Sir. It has only four or five items and the Hon'ble Minister does not require it to be placed on the Table of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is it a small matter?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—It is concerning fire insurance alone and nothing else.

Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.—Where is the question of considering to take a decision, especially when this Government has inherited that item?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The Government of Bombay was doing business in one class of property. The service heads have been transferred to dead heads. The Bombay Government was insuring its own properties and there was not much difficulty for them. This has been transferred and we are therefore now considering whether we should do it.

Separation of Public and Government Insurance Branches.

*Q.—81. Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the date on which they separated the Public and Government Insurance branches ;

(b) the number of policies before bifurcation, the amount involved and the monthly income thereof (premium) ;

(c) the number of policies, amount and the monthly premium at the end of 1958-59 ;

(d) the details of clauses (b) and (c) above for the integrated areas ;

(e) the details of clauses (b) and (c) transferred to the Life Insurance Corporation of India ;

(f) whether the Government Insurance Department has recouped the loss of business involved by such transfer ?

A.—Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN (Deputy Minister for Finance).—

(a) 1st September 1956, the date on which Public Branch was integrated with the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

(b) *In respect of Official Branch.*

(i) 69,868 Policies.

(ii) Rs. 7,72,96,208: Assurance Amount.

(iii) Rs. 2,88,231: Monthly premium.

**In respect of Public Branch.*

(i) 1,21,300 Policies.

(ii) Rs. 15,22,00,000: Assurance Amount.

(iii) Figures not available.

(c) Details in respect of Official Branch as on 31st March 1959.

(i) 96,149 Policies.

(ii) Rs. 11,58,70,351: Assurance Amount.

(iii) Rs. 4,37,339: Monthly Premium.

No details pertaining to the Public Branch for the period ending 1958-59 can be given as Government ceased to carry on the Business of Insurance in the Public Branch since 1st September 1956.

(d) (b) and (c) do not arise as the Official Branch rules to the integrated areas became operative only from 1st April 1959.

(e) Regarding details of clause (b): *Vide* reply to question (b) above*;

Regarding details of clause (c):

The question does not arise. The Official Branch was not transferred, while Government ceased to administer Public Branch Business since 1st September 1956.

(f) The question does not arise since we can now insure only the officials and the Public Branch is now under Life Insurance Corporation.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—I wish to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Speaker that by the answers given, I do not know whether anybody can make out anything out of this.

Mr. SPEAKER.—You can ask supplementaries.